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The HUNCHBACK of NOTRE DAME

A Serialization by PAUL PEREZ of VICTOR
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(Continued.)

SOWING THE WHIRLWIND

That evening, Esmeralda, soothed and strengthened, had gone out into the starlight that illuminated the high gallery of Notre Dame. She had thanked Quasimodo as best she could. She had caressed his shaggy head. He had run away from her in a perfect paroxysm of joy. There was joy in her heart—more than she ever could have believed possible. Her Phoebus was dead, but was not his spirit abroad in the night? As to Quasimodo—all he knew was that this girl had once been kind to him, and he was her devoted slave. Esmeralda, believing her lover dead, was finding consolation, like many another mourner, in the bosom of Notre Dame. Dom Claude had given her hope: "My daughter, the law of sanctuary protects you pending an appeal. Until then, Mother Church will give you shelter."

Meanwhile Jehan was like a madman. He had walked the streets for twenty-four hours since he had gained entrance to Esmeralda's cell. His only consolation was that Phoebus would never again hold Esmeralda in his arms. By this time, he thought, she must be hanging from the gibbet. In a tavern where he had stopped to refresh himself, he heard the amazing tale of the day's events.

Esmeralda saved! Esmeralda in the Cathedral tower! Jehan was once more the culture, the bird of prey. The thought of seeing Esmeralda in the flesh again, set him on fire. Let him but possess himself of Esmeralda and Satan could do his worst! This time he must not fail. Jehan glugged his eyes—his active brain was at work with dark designs—he was like a cobra looking at a dove.

Quasimodo spent the night searching through his "treasure chest"—a box laden with candle ends and trifles that his feeble mind had endowed with imaginary value. To him these candle ends were as fragments of prayers. "For her! For her! She saved my life!" Esmeralda's presence inspired Quasimodo to express his wild joy in the only way he knew. To Esmeralda it was as if her reverie had found expression from another source. There had come to her a booming whisper—a lulling reverberation—deep and sonorous, sustained, pulsing. It was Quasimodo, tolling his ecstasy. He had clambered up the ladders of the tower to where the great bell lay slumbering in the moonlight. "Awake! Awake!" he cried. At every swing the huge clapper let out

a poise like muffled thunder. Finally Quasimodo threw himself upon the bell and rode with it like a child on a mighty swing, back and forth, back and forth.

It was to such mighty music that Jehan, cloaked to his eyes, made his way like an evil bird of the night along one tortuous street after another on his way down to the Court of Miracles. When he arrived, he found the place engaged in a wild orgy. Wine for all . . .

With plans all set for rescuing Esmeralda on her way to the gallows, Clopin had awaited the day announced for her execution. Arms had been hidden, men mustered from the hidden, man-made rat-holes that underlay the ancient city. The news of the longlost Esmeralda—of how close she had been to death, of her rescue when the very gibbet had been prepared for her coming, but above all the fact that she was alive—this news had turned the Court of Miracles into a madhouse. The people danced. They sang. They caroused. It was Clopin's hospitality.

But Clopin stood apart. There was a frantic joy in his heart that he would have revealed to no man. He needed no wine. This joy was in itself a species of intoxication. He felt all things were possible to him. It amplified his natural taste for vengeance until he conceived it as a roaring hurricane which he could let loose when he would—ride it to the destruction of all that he hated. And what would he do to the King—to the State—that had wronged Esmeralda? He was prepared. Arms he had. In all the dens and hiding places of the downcast, the outlawed, the mistreated of King and Heaven, were his cohorts. Paris and France were one vast powder magazine!

It was at this juncture that Jehan with his black cloak about him, came fluttering into the firelit courtyard like an agile crow. Jehan came straight toward Clopin and Clopin took a step toward Jehan. It seemed as predestined as the meeting of two sinister planets chartered by some dismal astrologer for a catastrophe in the affairs of men. Clopin looked about him stealthily, lest he be overheard.

"Thou comest straight from Notre Dame?" he asked.

"As straight as the crow flies," Jehan replied.

"What news of the girl?" Clopin was all eagerness.

"Bad! Tomorrow at dawn she is to be surrendered to the officers of

ALLIES DENY GERMANY IS DISARMED

London, June 7—The Allies intend to keep a firm hand on military control on Germany by maintaining the Commission of Control in full operation until the disarmament demands made in the Treaty of Versailles are fully executed, according to a long note from the Council of Ambassadors sent to Berlin from Paris today.

The Ambassadors' communication was in reply to the German note of March 31, in which the Berlin Government maintained that it was time for the League of Nations to take over the supervision. The Ambassadors' note reaffirms the contention that it is the legal right of the Allies to decide for themselves when the time has arrived for transferring the duty of controlling German armaments to the league after the time limit clauses have been executed.

"It would be hardly possible to contend that this condition is fulfilled today," the note adds.

DOROTHY SAUTMAN STILL IN TROUBLE

New York, June 7—Dorothy Sautman, of Toronto, released in the homicide court by a grand jury, which found no evidence warranting an indictment in connection with the killing of Samuel Brown, garage man, was re-arrested on a charge of jumping bail in the Womens Court, May 15, 1923. She was held in \$2,000 bail for examination today. The charge in the Womens Court was vagrancy.

the King." Jehan was feeding hot coals to Clopin's fury.

"Ventre-Dieu! Why didst thou not bring her with thee?"

"That is no job for such as me. Canst thou not see? The hour is struck. This is the time we've been waiting for."

Clopin staggered back a little. He was like a tree struck by a big wind. He stood there swaying, gathering up all his scattered dreams, his plans, his meditations, his visions of a society re-organized. This was his hour, and he was ready for it; but it was the suddenness with which he realized it that had staggered him.

"They feared an uprising to rescue Esmeralda on her way to the gallows. To prevent bloodshed the King ordered her hanged tomorrow. They come to take her at daybreak," Jehan was explaining to him.

Suddenly, with no further look at Jehan, as if he had forgotten him completely, as no doubt he had, Clopin turned and ran toward the hog-head that served him betimes as a throne. He leapt on this, and cried:

"The hour has struck. They are about to surrender the maid to the King's officers." Shaking his fist at the rabble, he shouted: "Hear me! Come here! Come here! Come here, ye two-legged cattle and let me tell you how to become men!"

There was an instant drift in his direction, then the people were coming on the run.

(To be Continued.)

Here and There

Commencing April 15th, the Canadian Pacific Railway, having in mind the expressed wishes of the majority of its patrons, has decided to revert to the custom of permitting no smoking in observation cars of its transcontinental trains.

The production of steel ingots and castings in Canada during the month of February amounted to 70,953 tons, an advance of 72 per cent over the 41,309 tons produced in January. The increase was almost wholly accounted for by the rise in the quantity of open-hearth basic steel ingots made for the use of producers.

Canadian farm products exported to the United States during February totaled \$2,440,203, an increase of \$961,579 over February last year, according to a report published by the Bureau of Statistics. Wheat exports to the United States were valued at \$1,017,714 in February, as against \$251,157 in February of the previous year.

Under the agreement with the Imperial Government under the Empire Settlement Act, Canada, spent \$39,657 in assisted passages for some 2,653 British immigrants in the fiscal year just closed. In the past four years the Dominion Government has spent nearly \$1,500,000 in promoting immigration from Great Britain to Canada.

By arrangements made by Hon. George Headley, Minister of Agriculture, a trial shipment of cows and steers will be made in the near future to Japan for the purpose of testing out the possibilities of a market for Alberta's livestock in that country. It is also the purpose of the department to send with the shipment a qualified investigator who will look into the potentialities of a market for all Albertan farm products.

For the first time in the past two or three years the Saskatchewan Co-operative Creameries Limited is shipping butter in carload lots direct to the cities of the United States. A carload shipment was recently made from Saskatoon to Philadelphia. Two carloads were also shipped to Chicago, where they realized good prices. Each car contained between 25,000 and 30,000 pounds of Saskatchewan butter.

Speaking at Quebec recently, E. W. Beatty, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, summarized the magnitude of the operations of the Company. It has 15,000 miles of railway in Canada and controls 5,102 miles in the United States. It owns and operates telegraph and express systems, 13 hotels, 16 bungalow camps and rest houses, and has in commission on the Atlantic and Pacific, Canadian lakes and the British Columbia coast, 81 ships aggregating approximately 450,000 gross tons. Its personnel varies in numbers with business conditions from 65,000 to 100,000 employees in all branches of the service.

What must constitute a record in the rapid handling of an important consignment from the Orient was established recently by the Canadian Pacific Railway when shipping a quantity of silk from Yokohama to New York. The consignment, which was the largest forwarded from Asia since the recent slump in the silk market, left Yokohama on March 22nd on the Canadian Pacific steamer "Empress of Asia." Specially stowed for prompt discharge on arrival at Vancouver, the shipment was so rapidly transferred to the waiting train that only 13½ minutes per car lapsed between the docking of the ship and the departure of the fast freight and delivery was made at New York at midnight April 4th, the through time from Yokohama to New York being but 13 days, 8 hours and 13 minutes, calendar time.

MUSEUM TO SELL VALUABLE GEM COLLECTION

Paris, June 7—The Louvre museum has decided to sell, on June 16, the pearls bequeathed by Madame Thiers wife of the second president of the third republic. The gems originally cost 234,000 francs (about \$13,000). The principal necklace is composed of 145 pearls of a total weight of 2,136 grains, of which the largest pearl, weighing 55 grains, cost 25,000 francs.

The Louvre says they have no artistic value and the sale can be effected without spoiling the state's collections. The selling price has not been determined, but, it is said, will be between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 francs (about \$1,000,000).

MURDOCK SAYS DEPUTY SPEAKER WARNED HIM

Ottawa, June 7—Hon. James Murdock, Minister of Labor caused a sensation in the privileges and elections committee when he announced that he had received information regard to the dangerous condition of the Home Bank from G. N. Gordon, Deputy Speaker of the House, of Commons on August 9, 1923. This was six days before he withdrew his deposit of \$4,050 from the bank and also six days before the cabinet meetings at which it has been intimated he obtained the information which led him to make the withdrawal.

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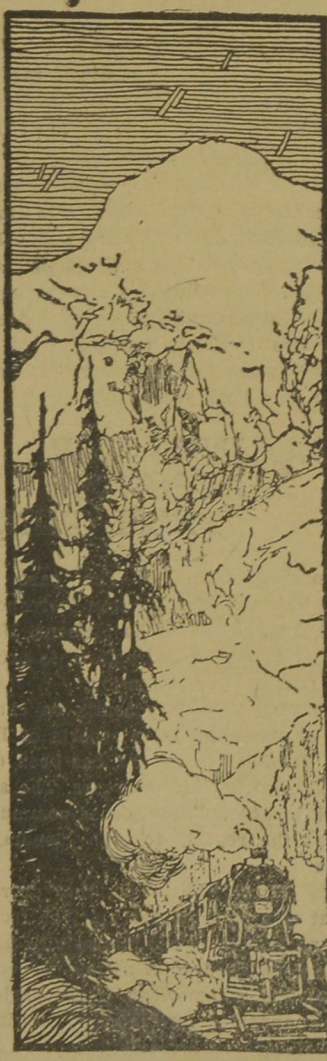
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